

## COUNTRY DATA: United Arab Emirates : Information from the CIA World

### INTRODUCTION

The Trucial States of the Persian Gulf coast granted the UK control of their defense and foreign affairs in 19th century treaties. In 1971, six of these states - Abu Zaby, 'Ajman, Al Fujayrah, Ash Shariqah, Dubayy, and Umm al Qaywayn - merged to form the United Arab Emirates (UAE). They were joined in 1972 by Ra's al Khaymah. The UAE's per capita GDP is on par with those of leading West European nations. Its generosity with oil revenues and its moderate foreign policy stance have allowed the UAE to play a vital role in the affairs of the region. For more than three decades, oil and global finance drove the UAE's economy, however, in 2008-09, the confluence of falling oil prices, collapsing real estate prices, and the international banking crisis hit the UAE especially hard.

### GEOGRAPHY

Location	Middle East, bordering the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf, between Oman and Saudi Arabia
Area	total: 83,600 sq km country comparison to the world: <u>114</u> land: 83,600 sq km water: 0 sq km
Climate	<u>Current Weather</u> desert; cooler in eastern mountains
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas
Total Renewable Water Resources	0.2 cu km (1997)
Freshwater Withdrawal	total: 2.3 cu km/yr (23%/9%/68%) per capita: 511 cu m/yr (2000)
Natural Hazards	frequent sand and dust storms
Environmental Issues	lack of natural freshwater resources compensated by desalination plants; desertification; beach pollution from oil spills

PEOPLE	
Population	<p>4,975,593</p> <p>country comparison to the world: <a href="#">114</a></p> <p>note: estimate is based on the results of the 2005 census that included a significantly higher estimate of net immigration of non-citizens than previous estimates (July 2010 est.)</p>
Ethnic Groups	<p>4,975,593</p> <p>country comparison to the world: <a href="#">114</a></p> <p>note: estimate is based on the results of the 2005 census that included a significantly higher estimate of net immigration of non-citizens than previous estimates (July 2010 est.)</p>
Religions	Muslim 96% (Shia 16%), other (includes Christian, Hindu) 4%
Languages	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
Literacy Rate	<p>definition: age 15 and over can read and write</p> <p>total population: 77.9%</p> <p>male: 76.1%</p> <p>female: 81.7% (2003 est.)</p>
Major Infectious Diseases	NA
GOVERNMENT	
Type	federation with specified powers delegated to the UAE federal government and other powers reserved to member emirates
Independence	2 December 1971 (from the UK)
Constitution	2 December 1971; made permanent in 1996
Legal System	based on a dual system of sharia and civil courts; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	dates, vegetables, watermelons; poultry, eggs, dairy products; fish
Industries	petroleum and petrochemicals; fishing, aluminum, cement, fertilizers, commercial ship repair, construction materials, some boat building, handicrafts, textiles
Import commodities	machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food

Import Partners	China 15.03%, India 14.27%, US 8.44%, Germany 5.81%, Japan 4.52% (2009)
Export Commodities	crude oil 45%, natural gas, reexports, dried fish, dates
Export Partners	Japan 17.27%, South Korea 10.49%, India 9.96%, Iran 6.82%, Thailand 5.11% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	<p>\$40,200 (2010 est.)</p> <p>country comparison to the world: <a href="#">21</a></p> <p>\$40,600 (2009 est.)</p> <p>\$43,300 (2008 est.)</p> <p><i>note: data are in 2010 US dollars</i></p>
Population below poverty line	19.5% (2003)

\*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	77.7 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	9.2 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$58,006
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	22.5%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	76.9%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	77.3%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	42.5%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	92.6%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	100%
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	--
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	20%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	16%

<b>Sustainability</b>	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	100%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	0%
Population without Access to Water (%)	0%
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	3%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	--
<b>Human Security</b>	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	300
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	--
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
<b>Demographics</b>	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	84.1%
<b>Health</b>	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	--
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	--
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	--
<b>Other</b>	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	--
Population without Electricity (%)	0%

## Cape Verde's Public Expenditure

